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REMARKS

The Application previously presented Claims 1-27. No claims were either canceled or added. Hence, Claims 1-27 are presently pending.

All claims were rejected based on Farris et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,125,113), either alone or in combination with other art. The independent Claims 1, 9, and 21, for example, were each rejected as being anticipated by Farris et al. However, the independent Claims 1, 9, and 21 each include at least one element directed at least partially to call forwarding. Farris et al. does not appear to address call forwarding in any manner. Specifically, by way of example but not limitation, call forwarding is not described in any of Columns 15, 16, or 19. Should any rejection in which Farris et al. is relied on to correspond to an element of the claims that is directed to call forwarding be maintained or otherwise instituted or re-instituted, it is respectfully requested that the next communication from the Office include

a prima facie rejection by explicitly indicating where and/or how Farris et al. anticipates or renders obvious call forwarding.

Furthermore, each of the independent Claims 1, 9, and 21 include recitations regarding the establishment/modification of call forwarding and/or the condition(s) under which call forwarding is implemented. Moreover, additional elements that further distinguish the claimed invention over the art of record, both singularly and in any combination, are included in the dependent Claims 2-8, 10-20, and 22-27.

With respect to Claim 26, the Examiner took "Official Notice that it would have been obvious from the combination to include a method wherein said call forwarding activation request is selected . . .". Applicants respectfully disagree with this position (e.g., traverse this assertion) and respectfully request that evidence be provided in the next communication from the Office to substantiate such a

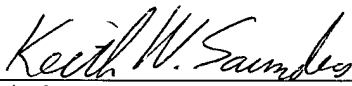
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position, assuming, *arguendo*, that substantiation is possible.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request the thorough reconsideration of this Application and earnestly solicit an early Notice of Allowance for Claims 1-27.

Respectfully submitted,

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